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TITLE: DEVICE FOR HANDLING SUBSTRATES INSIDE AND OUTSIDE A
CLEAN ROOM

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified, patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

After the Title and before the first paragraph, please insert the following new paragraph:

This application claims the benefit of the earlier filed International Application No. PCT/EP00/03324, International Filing Date, April 13, 2000, which designated the United States of America, and which international application was published under PCT Article 21(2) in German as WO Publication No. WO 00/68976.

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